

Exercise Sheet 10

1- Compute the Laplace transform of the following functions.

a) $f(t) = s + t^3 - 4t^6$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = s \mathcal{L}[1] + \mathcal{L}[t^3] - 4 \mathcal{L}[t^6] =$$

$$\overset{\text{linearity}}{=} \frac{s}{s} + \frac{6}{s^4} - \frac{2880}{s^7}$$

$$\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$$

b) $f(t) = te^{2t}$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[e^{2t} \cdot t] = F'(s-2) = \frac{1}{(t-2)^2}$$

where $f'(t) = t$, $F'(t) = \mathcal{L}[t] = \frac{1}{t^2}$
by the first shift theorem

c) $f(t) = e^{-t} \cos(st)$

$$\mathcal{L}[f(t)] = \mathcal{L}[e^{-t} \cos(st)] = \mathcal{L}[\cos(st')] = \frac{t'}{(t')^2 + 25} = \frac{t+2}{(t+1)^2 + 25}$$

$t' = t+2$, ~~the~~
first shift theorem

INV. TRANSFORM

2- Find the inverse Laplace transform of the following functions $\boxed{\mathcal{L}^{-1}[\mathcal{L}[f(t)]] = f(t)}$

a) $F(s) = -\frac{4}{s^2} + \frac{3}{s^5} = -4 \frac{1!}{s^{2+1}} + \frac{3}{4!} \frac{4!}{s^{4+1}} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = -4t + \frac{3}{4!}t^4 = -4t + \frac{1}{8}t^4$$

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linearity and
 $\mathcal{L}[t^n] = \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$

$$b) F(s) = \frac{s+13}{s^2-6s+5} = \frac{s+13}{(s-3)^2-3} = \frac{s}{(s-3)^2-3} + \frac{13}{(s-3)^2-3} =$$

$$= \frac{s-3}{(s-3)^2-(\sqrt{3})^2} + \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{3} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{(s-3)^2-(\sqrt{3})^2}$$

Then $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] \underset{\text{linearity}}{=} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{s-3}{(s-3)^2-(\sqrt{3})^2}\right] + \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{3} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{(s-3)^2-(\sqrt{3})^2}\right] =$

$$= e^{3t} \left[\cosh(\sqrt{3}t) + \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{3} \sinh(\sqrt{3}t) \right]$$

1st Shift theorem: $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s-a)] = e^{at} f(t)$

$$\mathcal{L}[\sinh(at)] = \frac{a}{s^2-a^2}, \quad \mathcal{L}[\cosh(at)] = \frac{s}{s^2-a^2}$$

$$c) F(s) = \frac{2}{(s-1)(s^2+1)} \quad , \quad \frac{2}{(s-1)(s^2+1)} \xrightarrow{\text{partial fraction decomposition}} \frac{A(s^2+1) + (Bs+C)(s-1)}{(s-1)(s^2+1)} =$$

$$= \frac{As^2 + A + Bs^2 - Bs + Cs - C}{(s-1)(s^2+1)}$$

$$\begin{cases} (s)^2 & A+B=0 \Rightarrow 2+C+C=0 \Rightarrow C=-2 \\ (s)^1 & C-B=0 \Rightarrow B=C \Rightarrow B=-2 \\ (s)^0 & A-C=2 \Rightarrow A=2+C=2 \end{cases}$$

then

$$F(s) = \frac{2}{s-1} - \frac{s+1}{s^2+1} = \frac{2}{s-1} - \frac{s}{s^2+1} - \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

and

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s)] = \underbrace{e^t}_{(A)} - \underbrace{\cos(t)}_{(B)} - \underbrace{\sin(t)}_{(C)}$$

(A) 1st shift theorem $\mathcal{L}^{-1}[F(s-a)] = e^{at}f(t)$

(A) $\mathcal{L}[1] = \frac{1}{s}$

(C) $\mathcal{L}[\sin(at)] = \frac{a}{s^2+a^2}$

(B) $\mathcal{L}[\cos(at)] = \frac{s}{s^2+a^2}$

linearity

[3-] Decide if the statements are true or false.

a) f, g have Laplace transform $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f-g) = \mathcal{L}(f) - \mathcal{L}(g)$

This is true by linearity of the integral: $\int (f+g) dx = \int f dx + \int g dx$ (works for definite and indefinite integrals)

$$\mathcal{L}(f-g) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} (f(t)-g(t)) dt = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt - \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} g(t) dt =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{or}}{=} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt - \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} g(t) dt = \mathcal{L}(f) - \mathcal{L}(g)$$

b) If f and g have a Laplace transform $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f \cdot g) = \mathcal{L}(f) \cdot \mathcal{L}(g)$

False, a counterexample is
 $f(t) = t$, $g(t) = e^{at}$ with $\mathcal{L}(f) = \frac{1}{s^2}$, $\mathcal{L}(e^{at}) = \frac{1}{s-a}$

but $\mathcal{L}(f \cdot g) = \mathcal{L}(te^{at}) = \frac{1}{(s-a)^2} \neq \frac{1}{s^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(s-a)} = \mathcal{L}(f) \cdot \mathcal{L}(g)$
 (not shift theorem)

c) If $0 \leq f(t) \forall t \geq 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(f)(s) \geq 0 \forall s / \exists \mathcal{L}(f)(s)$

TRUE, since the integral satisfies the property

$$f(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \geq 0$$

$\forall x \in [a, b]$
 \nwarrow b can be $\rightarrow +\infty$ for our case

then $\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \int_0^{+\infty} \underbrace{e^{-st}}_{\geq 0 \text{ since } e^{-st} > 0 \text{ and } f(t) \geq 0} f(t) dt \geq 0 \quad \forall s / \exists \mathcal{L}(f)(s)$

d) If $0 \leq f(t) \leq 1 \forall t \geq 0 \Rightarrow \exists \mathcal{L}(f)(s) \forall s > 0$

FALSE, a counterexample can be given using the Dirichlet function
 $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 & \text{if } t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$ that is not piecewise continuous

not integrable, so the integral $\mathcal{L}[f(t)](s) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$ doesn't exist

4- Use the Laplace transform to solve the following IVPs:

a) $y'' + y' - 6y = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 2$

We apply the Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}[y'' + y' - 6y] = 0 \Rightarrow s^2 Y(s) - s y(0) - y'(0) + s Y(s) - y(0) - 6Y(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (s^2 + s - 6) Y(s) - s - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow Y(s) = \frac{s+2}{s^2+s-6} = \frac{s+2}{(s+3)(s-2)} =$$

$$= \frac{A(s+3) + B(s-2)}{(s+3)(s-2)} = \frac{4}{s} = \frac{1}{s-2} + \frac{1}{s+3}$$

$$(s)^1 \begin{cases} A+B = 1 \Rightarrow A=1-B \Rightarrow A=4/5 \end{cases}$$

$$(s)^0 \begin{cases} 3A-2B = 2 \Rightarrow 3-2B-2B=2 \Rightarrow 5B=1 \Rightarrow B=1/5 \end{cases}$$

and $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(Y(s)) = \frac{4}{5} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-2}\right] + \frac{1}{5} \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s+3}\right] =$

$$= \frac{4}{5} \left[e^{2t} + \frac{1}{5} e^{-3t} \right]$$

b) $y''' + y' = 1$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = -2$, $y''(0) = -2$

We apply the Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}[y''' + y'] = \mathcal{L}[1] \Leftrightarrow s^3 Y(s) - s^2 y(0) - s y'(0) - y''(0) + s Y(s) - y'(0) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^3 + s) Y(s) - s^2 + s = \frac{1}{s} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Y(s) = \frac{s^2 - s}{s^2(s^2 + 1)} = \frac{s-1}{s(s^2+1)} =$$

$$= \frac{A}{s} + \frac{Bx+C}{s^2+1} = -\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s+1}{s^2+1} =$$

$$(s)^1 \begin{cases} A+B=0 \Rightarrow B=1 \end{cases}$$

$$(s)^2 \begin{cases} C=1 \end{cases}$$

$$(s)^0 \begin{cases} A=-1 \end{cases}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s}{s^2+1} + \frac{1}{s^2+1}$$

then $y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[-\frac{1}{s} + \frac{s}{s^2+2} + \frac{1}{s^2+1} \right] = -1 + \sin(t) + \cos(t)$

c) $y'' + 5y' + 6y = 0$, $y(0) = -2$, $y'(0) = 1$

We apply the Laplace transform:

$$\mathcal{L}[y'' + 5y' + 6y] = 0 \Leftrightarrow s^2 Y(s) - sy(0) - y'(0) + 5sY(s) - 5y(0) + 6Y(s) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^2 + 5s + 6)Y(s) + 2s - 1 + 10 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Y(s) = \frac{-2s - 9}{s^2 + 5s + 6} = \frac{A}{s+2} + \frac{B}{s+3} =$$

$$= \frac{-s}{s+2} + \frac{3}{s+3}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (s)^2 \mid A + B = -2 \Rightarrow A = -2 - B \Rightarrow A = -5 \\ (s)^0 \mid 3A + 2B = -9 \Rightarrow -6 - 3B + 2B = -9 \Rightarrow +B = +3 \end{array}$$

and then

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[-\frac{s}{s+2} + \frac{3}{s+3} \right] = -5e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t}$$